

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
WORK SESSION
October 18, 2007

The State Board for Community and Junior Colleges (SBCJC) met at 6:00 p.m. at the Jackson Hilton in Jackson, Mississippi, on October 18, 2007.

The following members were present: Mrs. Patricia (Pat) Dickens, Mr. Johnny L. (Chip) Crane, Mr. Henry (Bubba) Hudspeth, Mr. Max Huey, Mr. Napoleon Moore, Mr. Ed Perry, Mr. Bobby Steinriede, Mrs. Brenda Yonge, and Mr. George Walker. The following members were absent: *Mr. Bruce Martin.*

SBCJC Staff present: Dr. Wayne Stonecypher, Dr. Jason Pugh, Mrs. Deborah Gilbert, Dr. Larry Day, Mrs. Eloise Richardson and Mrs. Janet Dominy.

Guest present: Dr. Reggie Sykes – Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL).

Mr. George Walker called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m.

Mr. Walker opened the meeting by recognizing Dr. Wayne Stonecypher. Dr. Stonecypher began by giving an update on a GED fraud case received this summer and added that the Attorney General's office is investigating the violations. He stated that Mrs. Eloise Richardson would be discussing this issue in more detail later in the meeting.

Mr. Walker called on Dr. Jason Pugh to give the Workforce Training Report. Dr. Pugh gave a handout entitled *Mississippi Integrated Workforce Performance System: A Tool for Building a More Competitive Workforce for the Jobs of the Future*. He discussed the Workforce Data Warehouse System. This warehouse system consists of (3) three parts: data sources, data compilation, and data reporting. A dilemma has developed with collecting social security numbers for those that are enrolled in training opportunities. These numbers are used to cross-reference trainees for job retention and wage gains. Out of all the companies that have participated in this training, only (3) three have put their objections to collecting social security numbers in writing.

Mrs. Eloise Richardson was recognized to give a report on GED fraud. She provided several handouts including an email from a person stating that they would pay someone to take and pass the GED test for them. Another was an order form for a fake high school equivalency diploma, and copies of fake high school equivalency diplomas were shown. Mrs. Richardson added that the passage of Senate Bill 2277 has helped. This bill states that people who participate in activities to fraudulently obtain a GED can face a \$1,000 fine, 90 days in jail or both.

Mrs. Deborah Gilbert reviewed the **Finance** agenda items, as follows:

Attachment 1 describes **Education Enhancement Fund Disbursements** for October 31, 2007 in the total amount of \$3,066,095 for **Fund 4080** and **Fund 4110**. Mrs. Gilbert added that collections in July, August, and September were down due to 1% sales tax revenue.

Attachment 2a and 2b are financial statements for the **General Fund 2291** and for **Special Funds** as of September 30, 2007 – FY 2008.

Mrs. Gilbert added that **Attachment 3** detailing the Funding Formula – FY 2008 will be postponed until next month.

Attachment 4 is a County Tax Follow-up Report. Last month we reported that four (4) counties did not meet their minimum millage requirements. Choctaw County has agreed to give the minimum millage next year to Holmes Community College, and Madison County will increase their millage over the next two (2) years to Holmes Community College. Attachment 4 indicates that Lauderdale County is in compliance with the minimum millage. East Mississippi Community College under reported their millage from Lauderdale County on the FY2007 Report.

Attachment 5a and 5b are for purchasing approvals. **Attachment 5a** requests purchasing approval for an Equallogic Storage Area Network (SAN) Model PS3600X. This device will consolidate multiple data systems into one data sub-system for the new SBCJC Datacenter for the SBCJC and the colleges. The list price is \$55,000.00, but it will be bid through ITS. **Attachment 5b** requests approval for Packteer – Bandwidth Management Appliance. This device will provide granular network management capabilities for the SBCJC WAN. The cost of this appliance is \$24,848.84.

Attachment 6a, 6b, and 6c are Community and Junior College Financial Reports. **Attachment 6a** details the Academic Faculty Salary Schedule – FY 2008. **Attachment 6b** gives the Average Faculty Salaries 2000 – 2008. **Attachment 6c** compares Auxiliary Enterprises Revenues & Expenditures for FY 2007.

Mr. Walker asked if there were any additional items that needed to be addressed. There were none.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Recorded by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet Davis", is written over a horizontal line.